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Agadir Quake Death Toll May Top 5,000 Mark

High French Casualties

AGADIR (Reuter). — Rescue workers dug in Agadir's mountains of rubble last night to reach the many people still alive, 48 hours after the earthquake believed to have killed 5,000 to 6,000 people.

The French Consul, M. Jeudi, whose son was killed and who is among those digging in the wreckage, said "it is possible there are 1,500 French killed."

No one here has even hoped to make an accurate count of the dead, and only 2,000 injured have been listed at the improvised casualty clearing station at the naval air base outside the City, where an international relief airlift continues round the clock.

The head of the Moroccan national police informed King Mohammed V that the death toll would probably reach 5,000 to 6,000, including several hundred European tourists who had come to the resort for peace and sunshine.

No Count Possible

A Red Cross official estimated earlier that the number of dead would exceed 3,000, with 5,000 more injured.

But officials, pointing out that three-quarters of the buildings were shattered by the Monday night quake and tidal wave, said they could not account for thousands of the city's population of about 50,000.

Weeping people moved through the ruins yesterday, pounding hopefully on huge hunks of masonry and hoping for answering taps or cries from relatives who might be trapped below.

There are no longer any landmarks. Roads and public squares are unrecognizable. The magnificent hotel Saada, pride of the town, is a pile of stones. French sailors with pneumatic drills are piercing their way towards the injured still trapped in the maze of concrete blocks and twisted girders.

'Kingdom of Death'

The city itself is like a kingdom of death, over which broods an acrid odour of dust and disaster. Rescuers at the Saada hotel were still digging for two women who were replying to the rescuers' call with weak cries.

The Moroccan quarter of Talborit is a hell on earth. Everything has fallen in and rats have invaded the ruins. Even the six-feet-thick walls of the old casbah, perched on top of a hill overlooking the port, could not resist the shock.

The rescue workers had only primitive tools with which to pry at a steel frame under which a little girl of four or five years is trapped and crying incessantly, "Mama, mama."

Hundreds of corpses were laid out in an improvised chapel. The number kept growing all the time, although burials were taking place in mass grave.

Cries of Wounded

All night spasmodic cries of the wounded pierced the blackness, and ambulances rolled through the city, always full of dead.

The survivors have fled to parents and friends in Casablanca, Mogador, Marrakesh or other places, and it is impossible to make any count.

Thousands are camped out along the roads. Anything that can be used to make camps has been moved to this region.

The naval air base is full of injured being cared for by Moroccan, Spanish, Italian, Tunisian, British, American and French medical and rescue workers.

At the naval air base outside Agadir, foreign tourists joined Moroccan and French residents waiting for seats on planes taking off every few minutes for Casablanca, Meknes or Port Lyautey.

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Philippines Scared By Tremor

MANILA (Reuter). — An earthquake shook Marawi City in Mindanao Island, Southern Philippines, for two seconds on Tuesday night, the Philippine News Service reported yesterday.

The agency said the quake caused a mild panic among the city residents who recalled disastrous tremors which killed hundreds of people in the island in 1955. An earthquake of similar intensity hit Manila three days ago.

Many Jews Feared Among Victims

Many Jewish victims are feared to be among the casualties in Agadir, where the Jewish quarter, housing the majority of the city of 5,000 Jews, is located in the low-lying town near the seashore This section was also hit by the large tidal wave that followed the earthquake.

International Jewish aid organizations operating in Morocco are rushing relief materials to Agadir and seeking to ascertain the fate of the city's Jewish residents, among whom are relatives of many Israel families from Morocco. Due to the discontinuation of postal communications between Israel and Morocco, no direct cable information could be received here.

It is understood that the French Embassy in Israel has undertaken to make every effort to obtain casualty lists and communicate them to the Israel families concerned.

Tremors of the Agadir earthquake took about seven minutes to reach the seismological station in Jerusalem, 4,000 kms. away. The seismograph recorded tremors for over an hour from the first shock, 40 seconds after 1.47 a.m. Tuesday.

Iraq to Try 19 More For Anti-Kassem Plot

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The Baghdad People's Court will soon try Faeq el Samerrai, former Iraqi Ambassador to the U.A.R., and 18 others — all absent from Iraq — for plotting against the Republic and the life of Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kassem, the newspaper "Al Bilad" said yesterday.

The newspaper quoted Colonel Fadhel Abbas Mahdawi, President of the People's Court, as disclosing this in an interview.

El Samerrai defected from his post in Cairo after the failure of the Shawwaf revolt against the Iraqi Government last March.

He was originally listed among those accused in their absence at the recent trial of persons charged with complicity in the attempt to assassinate General Kassem last October 7. But he was not named when 17 accused were sentenced to death and 51 to terms of imprisonment last week.

Col. Mahdawi said that Gen. Kassem had recently referred el Samerrai and his "clique" to the People's Court for trial.

Negroes Choose Jail In Anti-Racial Drive

ATLANTA, Georgia (UPI). — Demonstrations against racial segregation in the South spread across the U.S. yesterday with a group of Tennessee Negroes choosing jail terms to dramatize their non-violent campaign against racial barriers

Protest meetings at colleges were touched off by the mass trial of Nashville, Tennessee, of 75 Negroes and five Whites arrested for demonstrating against segregation in the city's department stores.

Most of the Negroes preferred jail terms of 33 and one-third days each rather than "support the injustice" of segregation by paying $8 fines.

The Dean of Vanderbilt University Divinity School at Nashville said the University was considering expulsion of the Rev. James Lawson, jr., 32, Negro divinity student who coached other Negroes in passive resistance techniques.

12 Die in Japanese Concert Stampede

YOKOHAMA, Japan (UPI). — Twelve persons were killed and 13 others injured yesterday during a mad rush to enter Yokohama's civic auditorium. The accident occurred when doors for a programme featuring singer Chiyoko Shimakura were opened. A crowd of about 5,000 tried to get into the auditorium which seats 3,500. Eight thousand tickets had been sold.

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52 Workers Burn to Death in S. Korea

SEOUL. (Reuter). — Fifty-two workers, 50 of them women, were burned to death in a fire that broke out in a rubber goods factory in Pusan.

The fire was described as the worst in the industrial history of South Korea.

Many other workers were injured as they jumped to the ground from the second-, and third storey windows of the factory.

'K' in Kabul On Last Leg of Tour

KABUL (Reuter). — Huge crowds of Afghanistanis, and among them Soviet experts working on projects in Afghanistan now being built with Soviet help, yesterday welcomed Prime Minister Khrushchev as he flew in from India for a short visit on the last leg of his Asian tour.

Mr. Khrushchev's plane landed at the military airdrome built by the Soviets. It was escorted by six Afghan Mig-17 fighters, and his arrival was greeted by a 21-gun salute.

At the airfield the Soviet Premier was greeted by King Mohammed Zahir and members of the Afghan Cabinet, including Prime Minister Sardar Mohammed Daoud.

Large crowds lined the streets of Kabul as Mr. Khrushchev and his party drove from the airfield into the capital.

The Soviet Premier arrived from Calcutta, where he took leave of Prime Minister Nehru and the Burmese leader, U Nu. U Nu, who is expected to become Burma's next Prime Minister, did not participate in the talks between the Soviet and Indian Premiers, but was invited to a "quiet dinner" with them on Tuesday night.

Aired Border Rift

Political circles in India are of the opinion that Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Nehru touched on the Sino-Indian border dispute and discussed the possibility of a conference of Asian and African leaders which would take place before the East-West summit conference in May.

Before leaving Calcutta Mr. Khrushchev told newsmen that he expected both Mr. Nehru and U Nu in Moscow. The Indian leader later told reporters he hoped to visit the Soviet Union as soon as he has an opportunity to do so.

Formosa Ship Sunk Was Gunboat, Says Peking

HONG KONG (Reuter). — A Chinese Nationalist gunboat was sunk by Communist Chinese gunfire when the vessel intruded into Communist fishing waters, the Communist New China News Agency reported yesterday.

A Communist vessel was sent out to intercept the Nationalist ship near Peipa Island, off the Fukien coast, and the gunboat was sunk after a fierce half-hour battle, it said.

(Taipeh on Tuesday announced a Formosan transport was sunk in a battle with six Communist warships.)

Testing for the possibility of radioactive leaks in the consignment of enriched uranium being unloaded yesterday from the "Zion."

6.5 Kg. Uranium Arrive For Nebi Rubin Reactor

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's entry into active atomic research was almost completed on Wednesday with the arrival of U 235 atomic fuel from the U.S. in the s.s. Zion. The first uranium to come to this country will be used in the Nebi Rubin atomic reactor, which is to start operating at the end of April.

The shipment consists of seven steel cases containing 6,500 grams of uranium, 90 per cent enriched in isotope U235. It was accompanied by three cases of neutron sources consisting of several grams of plutonium mixed with beryllium. This will activate the uranium.

The fuel and "starter" have been loaned to Israel by the U.S. Government for use in atomic research for peaceful purposes. The uranium will last for about two years as fuel, and will then be returned to the U.S. for reprocessing.

No Radiation Danger

The shipment was received in the port by Dr. Israel Pelah, director of the reactor, and members of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission. The cases were found to be well below the permissible radiation level. Dr. Pelah emphasized that there was no danger of radiation, and that the checks were routine procedure.

After the ten cases, weighing a ton, were unloaded, they were taken to Nebi Rubin in a small convoy, preceded by a traffic policeman. Under the terms of the agreement with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, they must be locked in a safe.

Israel will pay $12 for each gram of uranium that is burned up while fuelling the reactor to give heat and radiation. Dr. Pelah estimated that about 30 per cent would be burned up at a cost of $18,000. The Atomic Energy Commission will also pay four per cent interest on the cost of the uranium, and the $80,000 cost of manufacturing the fuel by the Silco Co. of New York. It will also bear the $30,000 cost of reprocessing the uranium that will be returned to the U.S.

The neutron sources, which will also be returned after use, cost about $5,000.

Besides lending the fuel, the U.S. Government also helped in constructing the reactor with a grant of $350,000. A few standard parts are still due.

Dr. Pelah said that the fuel consists of an aluminium-uranium alloy, containing 90 to 93 per cent of U235. Its total weight is 800 kg., including the 6.5 kg. of uranium. The alloy permits a higher U235 concentration than pure uranium.

Encased in Aluminium

The fuel arrived in the shape of long plates, encased in aluminium, with 18 plates making up one fuel unit. The shipment contains 30 such units. The reactor needs about 20 units at a time, Dr. Pelah said.

The master of the ship, Captain B. Berkovitz, said that although there had been no danger, the passengers of the Zion had not been informed of the presence of the uranium in the hold. The crew, who had known about it, had been assured that the uranium was harmless in its present state. Anyone who had watched out for a little mushroom cloud above the ship had been disappointed.

California Governor Urges Law to End Death Penalty

By JERRY REYNOLDS

SACRAMENTO, California (UPI).—Governor Edmund Brown asked a reluctant State legislature yesterday to abolish the death penalty in California.

The Governor, in a 1,500-word special message to the lawmakers made no mention of Caryl Chessman, the convict-author whose long-delayed execution has touched off a world-wide debate over capital punishment.

Responsible legal authorities in the Capital, however, said that if the Legislature adopted by Gov. Brown's proposal, the courts undoubtedly would spare the life of Chessman and 20 other men on San Quentin prison's death row plus one woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, convicted murderess.

All 22 face death in the prison's gas chamber. Under the Governor's proposal, they probably would get life imprisonment with no possibility of parole.

Granted Stay

Mr. Brown granted Chessman a 60-day stay of execution of Feb. 19, only a few hours before Chessman would have gone to the gas chamber after 11½ years on death row. The Governor said then he ordered the stay for the specific purpose of permitting the Legislature to consider repeal of the death penalty.

The Democratic Governor, a Roman Catholic and a veteran of 15 years as a prosecuting attorney and State Attorney-General, has been a long-time opponent of capital punishment.

"The naked, simple fact is that the death penalty has been a gross failure," the Governor said in his message to the Legislature. "Beyond its horror and incivility, it has neither protected the innocent nor deterred the wicked."

A court hearing to set an execution date for Chessman was to be held in the Superior Court in Los Angeles later yesterday. The Governor's reprieve expires April 18.

The Governor said yesterday that he expected a "tough uphill fight" for his abolition measure, and admitted the widely-spread opposition to repealing capital punishment in both the State Senate and Assembly.

20 Jordanians Held as Spies

A score of persons have been arrested in Jordan and charged with high treason in that they are alleged to have spied on behalf of Israel, the Old City evening paper "El Masa," said on Tuesday.

Among them are four members of the e-Shanti family, formerly Palestinians. One of them is Sharif e-Shanti who, the paper said, has been living in Israel since 1948. Another is his brother Abdul Rahman who resides in [illegible].

West's Big 3 To Form Nato Atomic Force

PARIS (Reuter). — The U.S., Britain and France are jointly to form within Nato an atomic task force consisting of three battalions, General Lauris Norstad, Nato Supreme Commander, told a press conference yesterday.

Each of the three countries would supply one battalion comprising 2,500—3,000 men at first. Later they will supply air and naval units. Members of these battalions will continue to serve in their national armies most of the time and will from time to time be called to take part in joint manoeuvres under a single command.

The force would be self-sufficient and could be moved at short notice to wherever it was needed.

General Norstad said there had been difficulties over air defence in Europe with three countries. These had been resolved with two of them (unnamed) and he was very optimistic as regards the third — France. He hoped a solution would be found in the near future to meet both Nato's and France's own requirements.

Bonn's Problem

Answering questions about West Germany's approach to Spain for military facilities, Gen. Norstad said the Germans were confronted with a problem of which Nato was well aware. The Germans had a relatively small and narrow area and a relatively large concentration of forces. Nato was sympathetic towards this requirement and would assist in meeting it in every way it can, he said.

West Germany was considering ways and means of meeting this requirement. Gen. Norstad said he had been assured that if any of these studies led to conclusions, decisions, negotiations, or agreements, such actions would only follow complete co-ordination with the proper Nato authorities.

Essential Part

Gen. Norstad said West Germany was an essential part of the Atlantic alliance and a strategically important area. He was impressed by West Germany's attitude. It was among the leading advocates within the alliance of allied authority and integration.

The Nato Permanent Council agreed at yesterday's weekly meeting that there should be further study of the whole logistic problem in the Atlantic alliance.

A Nato spokesman said Germany's Ambassador to Nato, Mr. Gerhardt von Walther, raised the subject of his country's approach to Spain in a search for military facilities.

"The Council unanimously welcomed the German delegate's frank statement and other delegates insisted that there was never any doubt of Germany's loyalty to the alliance," the spokesman said.

U.S. Filibuster In Third Day

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The marathon Senate filibuster on civil rights dragged through its third day on Wednesday with no end in sight. Except for a 15-minute recess early yesterday morning, the Senate had been in continuous session for 48 hours by 1700 G.M.T.

A small minority of Senators from Southern states droned on in endless speech-making, seeking to stave off a vote — and certain defeat — by making use of the Senate's tradition of unlimited debate. There is a general understanding that no session will be held on Sunday.

Led by Senator Richard Russell, 62, of Georgia, the 18 Southerners are organised in three shifts, with six assigned to each 24-hour period. This one-day-on, two-days-off timetable seemed to suit them, for they seemed still full of fight yesterday.

At issue is a bill to guarantee equal voting and other constitutional rights to Negroes — rights which have been denied by local and state action in certain Southern states.

Meanwhile, there was growing criticism from the press and public that the Senate, which calls itself the world's greatest deliberative body, was bringing itself into disrepute.

There are three ways of ending the debate: the Northerners could win by wearing out the Southerners by sheer exhaustion, thus bringing the debate to a vote; the Southerners could keep going until the rest give in, leaving the bill in mid-air; or the Senate could invoke "cloture" (closure) to limit debate, a step it hesitates to take. "Cloture" requires a two-thirds vote of the full Senate.

Cypriot Leaders Meet Again with Amery

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Cypriot leaders and their advisers held another meeting here with the British Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr. Julian Amery, on the question of British bases in the future republic.

This was the ninth meeting in the current series.

Earlier yesterday, the Greek Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. George Christopoulos, had a talk with Mr. Amery at Government House.

A Greek Consulate press bulletin said Mr. Amery informed the Greek representative on progress so far achieved in the Anglo-Cypriot talks, and exchanged views on how outstanding matters should be dealt with.

W. German Judge to Face Court For Aiding Ex-Nazi in Trial

KIEL, West Germany (Reuter). — Charges have been filed against a West German judge accused of helping a man suspected of complicity in Nazi "euthanasia" killings to hide his identity, the Schleswig-Holstein Minister of Justice, Dr. Bernhard Leverenz, said here yesterday.

Dr. Ernst Buresch, suspended President of the Provincial Social Court, is charged with continued aiding and abetting false statements in court.

Dr. Leverenz told a press conference that Buresch had allowed Professor Werner Heyde to make statements in his court as a psychological expert under the false name of Fritz Sawade, although he is suspected to have known his true identity.

Meanwhile, the West German Foreign Minister, Heinrich von Brentano, said yesterday his Government was using evidence obtained from East Germany to check on the background of West German officials accused of hiding their Nazi past.

Mr. von Brentano said the "further employment of such persons in the West German Government has become 'questionable' because of the evidence.

The Foreign Minister made the statement in a cable to Mr. Benjamin Epstein, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New York, which made a study of the recent anti-Semitic vandalism in West Germany.

Mr. Epstein and Mr. Nathan Belth, public relations officer of the League, had conferred last January with Mr. von Brentano on the subject of education in Germany and the nation's attitude toward democracy.

Mr. von Brentano said he believed democracy had built a sound base in West Germany during the past 10 years, but that "our democracy is still young." He added that "its fate will also depend on the measure of confidence it will receive in the future from foreign countries."

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B-G May Meet with Ike, Likely to See Adenauer

Visit to U.K. Said Planned

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, has asked to see President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian Herter during his visit to the U.S. next week, diplomatic sources in Washington said yesterday, according to Reuter.

They said these requests were under consideration.

Israel Embassy officials said that after receiving his honorary degree at Brandeis University, the Israel Prime Minister would "probably be coming to Washington."

INA was last night told by the White House that they "assume" there will be a meeting between Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Ben-Gurion although no appointment had been made.

On his way back to Israel in mid-March, Mr. Ben-Gurion will visit London for "highly important talks" with Prime Minister Macmillan, British Government officials told INA in London yesterday.

Political quarters in Jerusalem last night were still reluctant to comment on details of the Prime Minister's tour pending an official statement from the White House.

Adenauer Meeting

Authoritative Government circles in Jerusalem would neither confirm nor deny reports of a possible meeting in Washington or New York between Mr. Ben-Gurion and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Dr. Adenauer is due to arrive in the U.S. on March [illegible], only four days after Mr. Ben-Gurion's expected arrival, and a meeting between the two statesmen is now thought almost certain.

The only time that the West German Chancellor has met an Israel Cabinet Minister was in September, 1952, when Mr. Moshe Sharett, then Foreign Minister, headed the Israel delegation to the Reparations signing ceremony in Luxembourg.

INA quoted the Bonn Government spokesman, Felix von Eckhardt, as saying merely that the Chancellor and Mr. Ben-Gurion will both be in New York [illegible] acquainted with Dr. Adenauer's itinerary said no meeting with Mr. Ben-Gurion had been scheduled.

Diplomatic Relations

According to earlier reports from Bonn, the West German Cabinet was planning to discuss the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel at its regular session yesterday. But most members of the Cabinet were out of town, attending the funeral of a certain official.

Meanwhile, numerous cables from the U.S. keep pouring into the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem asking Mr. Ben-Gurion to attend public meetings, conferences and lectures.

Among them is an invitation from Harvard University to lecture on any topic of Mr. Ben-Gurion's choice, and from the U.N. Press Association, representing journalists from [illegible] countries accredited to the U.N. Secretariat in New York, to address a luncheon press conference.

All these invitations have been referred to the Israel Embassy in Washington, which is handling the entire itinerary of the Prime Minister's U.S. visit.

Embassy Insists Visit is Private

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Israel Embassy spokesman continues to maintain that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's visit is purely private, pointing out that offers for his appearance on top television programmes have been turned down on the grounds that a private visitor "should not be in the public eye."

But the arrival here on Tuesday of Mr. Teddy Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, and the guarded reply given to INA by the White House that they "assume" there will be a meeting between the President and Mr. Ben-Gurion, indicate that the ceremony at Brandeis University may be the occasion for the Israel Prime Minister to obtain what he has wanted since the Sinai Campaign — an invitation to the White House for a man-to-man talk with Mr. Eisenhower.

Abdel Nasser would also like to be invited, and the Administration presumably feels it could not invite one and not the other. Whether Mr. Ben-Gurion's private visit will lead to a visit by Nasser remains to be seen.

As to the suggestion that Mr. Ben-Gurion address a mass rally in Madison Square Garden in New York, this seems to conflict with plans for a private visit. He has already invited Jewish leaders to meet with him privately.

Meanwhile, Mr. Moshe Dayan has a number of appointments here today and tomorrow, including a large reception given in his honour this afternoon by the Ambassador, Mr. Avraham Harman, at the Mayflower Hotel. Yesterday he was due to speak in Los Angeles after having received a great welcome in San Francisco on Tuesday.

Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K., is due to address a Histadrut Campaign meeting in New York this evening, his only public appearance while transiting the U.S. on his way from Canada to Mexico.

Uruguay Students Protest Ike's Visit

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (Reuter). — President Eisenhower got tear gas in his eyes but kept smiling as student demonstrations broke out during his welcome to Montevideo yesterday.

The first trouble occurred outside the Architecture Faculty when students unrolled a vast poster saying, "Get Out, Eisenhower," as he drove past.

Fights broke out, and firemen drenched the battlers to calm them down.

Then, as he was passing the Law School, his car ran into tear gas fired ahead of the motorcade. The President's eyes were obviously still smarting when he later greeted members of the Uruguayan Government.

Carnival Welcome

The demonstration marred what had been an exuberant carnival welcome on his arrival from Santiago, Chile, for the last leg of his Latin American tour.

The Uruguayan University Students Federation is left-wing, and includes Communists. It plans to hold an "anti-Imperialist" meeting at the Montevideo University main hall tonight.

Mr. James Hagerty, White House spokesman, said later that President Eisenhower had told him that "two very small actions should not impair by one iota the magnificent warm reception today from the people of Montevideo."

Mr. Hagerty added: "He is used to students demonstrating. As far as he is concerned they are merely very small incidents."

Truck-Train Crash Kills 15 in U.S.

BAKERSFIELD, California (UPI). — A speeding Chicago-bound passenger train and a loaded tank truck collided and exploded Tuesday night, killing 15 persons and injuring [illegible].

The train, the Santa Fe "San Francisco Chief" eastbound from San Francisco, was rolling — "in a high speed area" — toward its next stop, Bakersfield, when the truck moved onto the tracks.

The two — truck and train — collided in a grinding, roaring blast. Flames swept back through the engine and the front four carriages. Nine of the eleven coaches ripped off the tracks, the first four criss-crossing, one across the other, into a blazing pile of wreckage.

Meir Sees Ghanaian, Liberian Diplomats

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Wednesday received the Ghanaian Ambassador, Mr. Bediako Poku, and the Liberian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. A. George Reeves.

The meetings were part of the current series of briefings on the Middle East situation being given by Mrs. Meir to foreign diplomats.

Peres Leaving Paris For London Today

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Israel Deputy Defence Minister, Mr. Shimon Peres, will leave this morning for London, at the conclusion of his visit here.

Mr. Peres was feted at a farewell reception last night given by Aluf-Mishne [illegible], head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Europe, and attended by leading French personalities and the Israel Ambassador.

Cairo Press Bitter Over B-G Visit

CAIRO (Reuter). — Cairo newspapers yesterday published full-length articles commenting bitterly on Mr. Ben-Gurion's planned trip to the U.S.

The Government organ "Al Goumhouriya" headed its article: "Quo Vadis America?" It said: "We fail to understand the attitude of the U.S. in offering to welcome Ben-Gurion when his hands are stained with the blood of his Arab victims and are full of resolutions of the U.N. which Israel has violated."

"Al Ahram," commenting on the intended meeting between the Israel Prime Minister and the U.N. Secretary-General, wrote: "Before the meeting, it would be advisable for Mr. Hammarskjold to con the Israel file at the U.N. Secretariat. He will discover that it is filled with papers testifying to the 12 years of dastardly deeds, aggressive acts and ignoring of the international authority of the U.N."

NASSER STATE VISIT TO GREECE IN JUNE

ATHENS (Reuter). — Colonel Abdel Nasser is to pay a five-day state visit to Greece, it was announced by the Foreign Ministry here today.

Nasser, who has been invited by the Government, is to spend two days in Athens and the remaining three days on a tour of northern Greece.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi yesterday received the outgoing Swedish Ambassador and Mrs. Osten Lundborg for a farewell meeting.

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Golda Meir, yesterday held a luncheon in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Lundborg. Present at the luncheon were the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol; the Soviet Ambassador and Mrs. Mikhail Bodrov; the British Ambassador and Mrs. Patrick Francis Hancock; the Chief-of-Staff of U.N.T.S.O. General Carl Von Horn, the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry and Mrs. Haim Yahil; the Assistant Director-General and Mrs. Maurice Fisher; the Director of the Armistice Affairs Division and Mrs. Avraham Biran; the Deputy-Director of the Western European division and Mrs. Leo Savir; and the Head of the Ministry's Liaison Office in Tel Aviv, Miss Elga Shapiro.

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The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir on Tuesday entertained to lunch Dr. and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver at the Hotel Eden.

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The Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Ya'acov Toledano, yesterday received the "Klausenburg *Rebbe*," Rabbi Yehezkeel Halberstam, who was accompanied by rabbis from Kiryat Sanz, which was established at his initiative.

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The French Ambassador and Mme. Bourdeillette, the Commercial Counsellor and Mme. Bacquier, and M. Tenen of the French Embassy, have visited the central citrus packing houses at the invitation of the Citrus Marketing Board, and were after entertained to lunch by the Board.

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The Venezuelan Minister, Mr. Vicente Gerbasi, yesterday called on the Speaker of the Knesset and the President of the Supreme Court. He was accompanied by the Second Secretary of the Legation, Mr. Jose Miguel Quintana.

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The British Military Attache and Mrs. J. N. Cowley and the Air Attache and Mrs. L. C. Glover gave a reception on Tuesday night in honour of Aluf Mishne Benjamin Gibli, the newly appointed Israel Military Attache to Britain.

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Mr. Dimitri Linakis, Honorary Consul of Greece in Tel Aviv, was on Wednesday received by Mayor M. Namir.

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The following members of the Consular Corps in Jerusalem yesterday toured Hechal Shlomo: the Consuls General of: Spain, Mr. Jose Antonio Baenchana; Great Britain, Mr. James M. Walsh; France, M. Christian Marcotte de Saint Marie; Turkey, Mr. Sa'dullah Eygi, and of the U.S., Dr. Eric Carl Wendelin; the Consuls of: France, M. Jean Marian; Great Britain, Mr. Robert Brash, and the Netherlands, Mr. and Mrs. G.N. de Hoop-Scheffer; the Vice Consuls of: Turkey, Mr. Kemal Yurdadugan; and Greece, Mr. Jean Papaioannou; and the wife of the Belgian Consul General, Mme. Rolland d'Anethan. They were accompanied by the Jerusalem District Representative and Mrs. S. B. Yeshaya and the Jerusalem District Officer and Mrs. Raphael Levy. They were received at Hechal Shlomo by the Executive Director, Mr. Maurice A. Jaffe.

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The annual Purim ball and fashion show sponsored by the Tel Aviv branch of the General Zionist Party was held at the Dan Hotel on Tuesday night.

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The Central Institute for Cultural Relations Israel-Ibero-America, Spain and Portugal is holding a piano recital at the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. on Monday evening March 7, featuring the Chilean pianist Mario Miranda. The recital will be under the patronage of the Chilean Legation.

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The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will devote today's meeting to the Scout Movement.

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A service in memory of Israel soldiers whose burial place is unknown will be held at the Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl on Sunday at 2 p.m. (Sunday is the 7th day of the Hebrew month of Adar, the traditional anniversary of the death of Moses, of whom the Bible says: "No one knew his burial place.")

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Beth Daniel in Zichron Yaakov will open its season on March 11. Applications accepted now. (adv.)

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2 Mapai M.K.'s Join Critics Of Development Budget Cuts

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The diversion of funds from the Development Budget to the Ordinary Budget came under fire yesterday from two Mapai speakers in the continuation of the Budget debate in the Knesset.

Mr. Ami Assaf called such transfer of funds "a breach of confidence," and evidence that we were not putting first things first. We are still not exploiting our resources to the full, he said, calling for a firm brake on a rise in the standard of living.

Mr. Baruch Azania, in addition to deploring the reduction of the Development Budget, said that we have not yet found a solution to the problem of how to export without Government supports. He urged that farmers be ensured a fair living standard by means of subsidies.

Mrs. Emma Talmi (Mapam) asked those who preached a lower standard of living whether this applied to that part of the population which was even now earning less than the subsistence minimum. She said that while the cost of living has gone up, the c-o-l allowance has not risen commensurately. And by and large, it was the lowest income groups who paid an honest income tax.

She criticized the automatic IL125 monthly allowance paid to senior Government officials in lieu of overtime. She knew of one case where the money was paid even though the official was away on sick leave for two months.

Change of Climate

Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionists) opened his speech by sarcastically addressing the honourable Ministers and honourable Minister of Finance (who were not present). While there were indications of a change of attitude on the part of the Government with regard to private capital, a change of climate was necessary. In particular, profitability must be ensured. The Government has not yet answered the question of how it plans to attract private capital or to encourage exports, he charged.

Mr. Yousef Khamis (Mapam) said that the development needs of the Arab villages were not provided for in the budget. The three main things needed here were land, industrialization, and agricultural mechanization.

In Tuesday's debate, Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda) called for economies in both public and private spending. He demanded a larger allocation for *yeshivot* and full coverage by the State of the Aguda school system budget.

Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressives) called for a permanent committee on economies with power of implementation. The high marginal income tax was "murderous," he said. Personal exemptions should be increased and high taxes should be levied, not on income, but on luxury spending.

Dr. Moshe Sneh (Communists) said that, according to official reports, 270,000 Israelis live under intolerable housing conditions. He said that 48 per cent of the population get insufficient animal protein.

PERU. — The new Israel Ambassador to Peru, Mr. Michael Simon, presented his credentials in Lima yesterday.

House Votes Itself Higher Salaries

The bill linking Knesset Members' salaries to those of Ministers passed its second and third readings in the Knesset yesterday without opposition.

Although formally the House Committee can only now decide on the linking ratio, it has already decided that this shall be 60 per cent.

On Tuesday, Speaker Kadish Luz objected to the proposal that the Speaker receive the same salary as the Prime Minister. But the majority of the committee (with Mapai voting against) overruled him, arguing that the three branches of Government are equal and that the President of the Supreme Court (judicial branch) receives the same salary as the Prime Minister (executive).

AGRICULTURAL instructors and Ministry of Agriculture experts are now studying Beduin methods of making the maximum use of rainwater in farming in order to improve this system with an eye to adapt it for growing vegetables and fruit in Negev and Arava settlements.

Time Works In Nazis' Favour

HAIFA. — An appeal to extend the Law of Limitations by another ten years, insofar as it applies to Nazi criminals, was sent to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer by the Israel Documentation Centre this week. The appeal was signed by Knesset members and heads of organizations of Nazi victims in Israel.

The appeal notes that under the present West German law, thousands of former S.S. and Gestapo officers who took part in the liquidation of millions of Jews during the War may go free.

Under the law promulgated by the Nazi regime in 1943, criminals not charged directly with murder (a charge most difficult to substantiate) cannot be brought for trial after June 1, 15 years after the end of the War.

The appeal notes that the special office dealing with Nazi criminals opened by the Bonn Government in Ludwigsburg last May has been unable in the time remaining to uncover and charge the many criminals still at large in Germany.

The appeal was signed by the President of the Institute, Rabbi Dr. M. Nurock, M.K.; Mr. Y. Katz, M.K., member of the Haifa City Eexecutive; Mr. Y. Sandmann, Chairman of the Union of Disabled Partisans; Mr. P. Burschtein, Chairman of the League of Former Concentration Camp inmates, and Messrs. T. Friedman and S. Schoenbium, respectively Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Institute.

Mr. Friedman told the press that they had also appealed to the Foreign Minister to give official backing to their call.

Mr. Pinhas Lavon, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, conversing with Mr. P. G. Shnedurnikar, head of the Bhoodan delegation here from India, at a reception tendered by the Histadrut Executive in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. It was the first public function attended by Mr. Lavon since his recent prolonged illness.

Photo by Mirlin-Yaron

Lecture Series On Israel and Judah

The first of a series of seven fortnightly lectures on "The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah" will be given at Beit Hillel in Jerusalem this evening at 8.45. Prof. Benzion Dinur will deliver the inaugural lecture on "The Scriptural Historiography of the Kingdom Period."

The series is being sponsored by the Israel Exploration Society.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
March 3, 1960

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice

Before Justices Sussman, Berinson and Witkon.

Ya'acov Nishri, Petitioner, v. The Attorney-General & Others, Respondents (H.C. 166/59).

Suspended Sentence and New Sentence Concurrent Unless Court Orders Otherwise

The High Court made absolute an order *nisi* calling on the respondents to show cause why the sentence imposed on the petitioner should not be concurrent instead of cumulative.

The petitioner, Ya'acov Nishri, was sentenced on February 24, 1959, to a year's imprisonment, to take effect from December 9, 1958, the date on which he was arrested. He was ordered at the same time to serve a one-and-a-half year's suspended sentence imposed on him for a previous offence, the judge not specifying whether the two sentences should be concurrent or cumulative. In such cases the practice of the prison authorities is to regard the sentences as cumulative and not concurrent, the suspended sentence running from the time the new sentence has been served, this practice being based on an opinion given by the Attorney-General.

Nishri argued that the sentences should be concurrent and that the suspended sentence should therefore take effect as from February 24, 1959, when the enforcement order was given. He was granted an order *nisi*.

On the Return Day, Mr. G. Bach, Deputy State Attorney, who represented the respondents, informed the High Court that there exists a difference of opinion between the Attorney-General and some of his assistants as to the practice to be adopted in such cases, and proceeded to present the arguments of both sides.

The petitioner appeared on his own behalf.

Decision

Justice Berinson, who delivered the main decision of the High Court, Justice Witkon concurring, expressed the gratitude of the Court to Mr. Bach for presenting both sides of the case, particularly since the petitioner had had no legal representative.

He then went on to point out that the Supreme Court had already held that the enforcement of a suspended sentence is an administrative act and not a judicial one (see Cr. A. 56/50, 13/447). When the court itself imposes a penalty of imprisonment, he continued, then sections 12 and 13 of the Penal Law Revision (Modes of Punishment) Law, 1954, empower the court to pre-date or post-date the sentence, and but for these provisions a court would have no alternative but to order a sentence to run from the day it is given, except in certain rare instances. In the case of enforcement of a suspended sentence, however, since this is a purely administrative act, the courts have no power to pre-date or post-date the sentence, and the enforced sentence must perforce commence from the date on which the enforcement order is given.

Justice Berinson then went on to show that neither section 15 of the Modes of Punishment Law nor regulation 4A of the Suspended Sentence Regulations, 1955, may be interpreted as giving the courts the power to make an enforced suspended sentence consecutive to a sentence imposed by the court itself. Regulation 4A, he said, empowers the courts to make a suspended sentence run retroactively from the date of commencement of the new sentence, which is beneficial to the prisoner and cannot therefore in any circumstances be interpreted to his disadvantage.

In short, held Justice Berinson, the present practice of the prison authorities — which is to regard the suspended sentence as commencing after the second sentence has been served when the court makes no express order — is not consistent with the law. This conclusion, he continued, might be an unfortunate one as the Supreme Court has already stated on several occasions that it is desirable in general for suspended sentences and new prison sentences to be cumulative. In the case under consideration, he continued, the District Court could have achieved this purpose by ordering the new sentence imposed on the petitioner to run from the conclusion of the suspended sentence. The Court not only failed to do this, however, but even predated the new sentence to the day on which the petitioner had been arrested.

The petitioner's suspended sentence in the present case should therefore have taken effect as from February 24, 1959, the day on which the enforcement order was given, and the order *nisi* should be made absolute in that respect.

Justice Sussman

Justice Sussman, who in the final analysis agreed with Justice Berinson that the order *nisi* should be made absolute, said that there is no doubt that a court may order a suspended sentence and a new sentence to be cumulative, at least, if not only, by ordering the suspended sentence to be served first and the new sentence afterwards. In the present case, he continued, he was of the opinion that the District Court judge had intended the sentences to be cumulative rather than concurrent or else he would not have made the new sentence run from December 9, 1958, instead of from February 24, 1959, when it was the order enforcing the suspended sentence was given. However, he continued, as his colleagues were of the opinion that there was not sufficient basis for a decision to the accused's detriment, he agreed that the order *nisi* should be made absolute.

He would, however, said Justice Sussman, like to recommend that the Knesset give some consideration to this question. For although the very concept of suspended sentences demands the conclusion that a suspended sentence should run successively to a new sentence, unless the court orders otherwise, the law unfortunately contains no provision to that effect.

Order *nisi* made absolute.
Decision given on February 9, 1960.

IT'S THE LAW

JUDGES of Rabbinical Courts need not carry Identity Cards if the Minister of Religious Affairs provides them with a certificate with a photograph. *(Law extending Emergency Regulations concerning Identity Cards.)*

Cables in Brief

POVERTY. — *Burglars vainly ransacked the income tax office in London's Southwark section on Tuesday, then broke into the Government National Assistance (unemployment benefits) office and again found no money.*

MISSILES. — The U.S. will by 1963 have at least 518 missiles ready for action, each capable of wrecking an entire Russian city, Congressman Melvin Laird said in Washington yesterday. He said the Russians would then have 300 missiles capable of hitting the U.S.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Moriah, Bak'a Moriah, 3431.

TEL AVIV: Magen David, 35 Allenby, 66426. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, 23535. Moskowitz, 25 King George, 63650, Wolkowisky, 36 Herzl, 84657. Hadassah, Hatikva Qtr., 32084. **JAFFA:** Varsano, Rehov 340, near clock, 81793. **RAMAT YITZHAK:** Hatichon, 86 Uziel (Hatichon), 71949. **REHOVOT:** Levin, 196 Herzl, 95-1245. **NATANYA:** Asuta. **HAIFA:** Glousman, 13 Balfour, 4088.

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RAMAT GAN: Dr. Sandburg, 63 Bialik. Dr. Rosenblum, 9 Malal (corner 129 Modi'in).

HAIFA: Dr. Sherman, 2 Hanevi'im, Tel. 2424.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARMON: The Captain's Table.
EDEN: The Silken Affair.
ORION: The Last Angry Man.
OR-GIL: The Hound of the Baskervilles.
ORNA: The Best of Everything.
RON: Le long des trottoirs.
SEMADAR: A Streetcar Named Desire, (Evenings).
ZION: Destiny of a Man.
TEL-OR: La nuit des espions.
EDISON: Auntie Mame.
STUDIO: Wuthering Heights.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Volga Boatmen.
ARMON DAVID: Auntie Mame.
CHEN: The Big Country.
EDEN: Kanlariyla Odediler.
ESTHER: North by Northwest.
GAT: Les quatres cents coups.
HOD: Cigarettes, Whisky, et p'tites pepées.
MAXIM: Love and Sacrifice.
MIGDALOR: La Chatte sort ses griffes.
MOGRABI: Babette Goes to War.
OPHIR: That Kind of Woman.
ORION: Le dos au mur.
PEER: Piccoli.
SHDEROTH: Mon oncle.
TAMAR: Le rouge est mis.
TCHELET: Gigi.
TEL AVIV: Lileya.
YARON: This Earth is Mine.
ZAMIR: Hiroshima mon amour.
ZAFON: I want to live.

HAIFA

ARMON: Orfeu Negro.
ORLY: Pot Bouille.
EN DOR: Hieran Yarasi.
ORAH: La Chatte sort ses griffes.
AMPHITHEATRE: Beloved Infidel.
ATZMON: Some Came Running.
MIRON: Carry on, Sergeant.
MORIAH: Countess Maritza.
GAL-OR: La cage aux souris.
PEER: Mother India.
TAMAR: The Scarlet Hour.
ORION: Day of the Outlaw.
MAY: Faibles femmes.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
832, 236.4 & 249 M.

News. Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Moussorgsky: Excerpts from "Khovantchina" (Orchestrated by Rimsky-Korsakov): Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 4 in G-minor (Soloist: Arturo Benedetti Michelangelo): Gliere: Suite No. 2 from "The Red Poppy." 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 "The Suite" — Telemann: Suite in A-minor, for Flute and Orchestra played by Hubert Barwahser with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bernard Paumgartner. 1.45 Where to Go." 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Request Programme for Oriental Music. 5.35 Mishna Lesson. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Popular Melodies. 7.20 Hebrew Songs. 7.45 Daily Hebrew. 7.50 Sports. 7.59 Announcements on Kol Yisrael Programmes. 8.00 Entertainment Platform — ed. by Y. Arieh. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu, Chaps. 37 & 38. 9.10 Political Commentary. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Aria da Capo — Musical Series ed. by M. Ohad & presented by L. Porath. 10.05 The Week at the Knesset. 10.30 Light Music. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
466, 292, 422.5 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.45 Mif'al Hapayis Drawing. 6.15 Mograbit. 6.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 6.45 Polish. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Festival des Flandres — Gent 1959, performed by Teresa Stich-Randel (Soprano); Soloists of the Belgian Chamber Orchestra conducted by Georges Mays: Karl Stamitz: String Quartet in F, opus 4, No. 4; Arias by Mozart, Haydn and Handel; Paul Hindemith: Five Pieces for Strings, opus 44; Cesar Franck: Prelude, Choral and Fugue, played by Yaakov Shilo (Piano). 9.00 Ladino. 9.30 Hungarian. 9.45 Rumanian. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
407 & 41.7 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15, 5.30-11.15 p.m.

KOL YISRAEL LAGOLA (25.5 M.): Programme to the U.K.: 10.30 News. 10.40 "Editorial Opinion." 10.50 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

Programme to South Africa: 6.15 News. 6.25 Editorial Opinion. 6.35 Afrikaans programme.

ARMY PROGRAMME (216, 225 and 225 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.05 Request Programme. 6.40 "Vis-a-Vis." 6.55 Announcements. 7.00 News. 7.10 "Bow & Arrow." 7.40 Songs. 8.00 "Army's Diary." 8.15 "Intermezzo." 8.30 Light Music Quiz. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Merry Rhythm." 9.30 Songs & Melodies of Jerome Kern. 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS ([illegible] M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Comment. Actualities.

MUSIC U.S.A.: VOICE OF AMERICA—English Programme: 5.00 and 6.00 a.m. News. UN in Action on 31 and 41 M. 7.00 a.m. News, Journalists' Digest on 31 and 41 M. 8.00 a.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Report to Europe on 31, 41, 49 and 238 M. 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. News, Journalists' Digest on 13, 19 and 31 M. 3.00 p.m. News, Report to South Asia on 11, 13 and 19 M. 4.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, New Horizons in Science on 11, 13, 19, 25 and 31 M. 5.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Report to Near East on 19, 25 and 31 M. 6.00 p.m. News, New Horizons in Science on 11, 19, 25, 31 and 41 M. 7.00 p.m. News, Report to Near East on 13, 19 and 25 M. 7.30 p.m. Listeners' Log on 13, 19 and 25 M. 8.00 p.m. News, Report to Africa on 19 and 25 M. 8.30 p.m. Forum (Chemistry) on 19 and 25 M. 9.00 and 10.00 p.m. Special News, Music USA on 19 and 25 M. 11.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Commentators' Digest on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M. 11.30 p.m. Forum (Chemistry) on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M. 12.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Commentators' Digest on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (494 & 495 M.): News, 7.30 a.m. 2.00, 7.00, 11.00 p.m.

7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola Programme. 8.00 Melodies & Memories. 8.30 Popular Light Orchestra. 9.00 Miniature Concert. 9.30 Emergency. 9.45 Piano Playtime. 10.00 Felix King. 10.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 11.00 The Final Year. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Teller of Tales. 12.00 Midday Melodies. 2.15 p.m. "The Name is Shane." 2.30 "Yours Sincerely." 6.45 The Lanitis Programme. 7.45 Strange Stories of the Sea. 8.15 Vera Lengyel (Piano). 10.00 Vanished Without Trace. 10.15 Stars of Song. 10.30 Danger Point.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• **Variety Show:—**
Joselito and his Troupe, Edison, 8.30, 9.

• **Film Shows:—**
Israeli Films — daily showings, Keren Hayesod Hall, 12 noon—1 p.m.

• **Tours:—**
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Hebrew University: Conducted tour in English, at 12 noon, daily, New University Campus.

• **Exhibitions:—**
"Israel Today" — permanent exhibition, Binyanei Haooma, 10-4 daily; Fridays 10-1.

Artists House: 10-1, 4-6. Paintings by Yitzhak Greenfield, sculptures by Hanoch Ehrlich.

Safrai Art Gallery, 37 Jaffa Road, Tel. 63737. Est. 1935. 8-1, 3-7. Friday 8-2. New exhibition: Oils by Lillian Levy. All purchases mailed upon request.

• **Bezalel National Museum:—**
Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art: Archaeological objects, Primitive Art, Contemporary Japanese prints and posters. Dutch paintings from the Museum's collection. 9-1, 2.30-5.

Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Special exhibitions: New excavations at Beersheba and Eynan. Also permanent exhibition. 9-1, 3-5.

• **Zoo:—**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 9-6.

TEL AVIV

• **Italian Puppet Theatre:—**
Piccoli, return season. New Programme. Peer Cinema, 4, 8.30.

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• **Zoological Gardens:—**
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• **Exhibitions:—**
Annual exhibition of Israeli artists, Beit Dizengoff, 16 Rothschild Blvd., 10-1, 4-7.

African Primitive Art: statuettes, masks, implements, from collection of Mr. Sam Dubiner (over 180 exhibits), Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, 10-1, 4-7.

Ancient Glass Exhibition, Museum Ha'arets, near Ramat Aviv, 10-5.

• **Z.O.A. House:—**
Documentary Films, 7 p.m. "Problems of U.S. Negroes and Jews in the South" — Mr. Meyer Passow, of Bar Ilan University, 8.30.

HAIFA

• **Theatre:—**
Habimah: "Twelve Angry Men," Armon, 9.

• **Tourist Centre:—**
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 22 Hehalutz, Tel. 67955.

• **Exhibitions:—**
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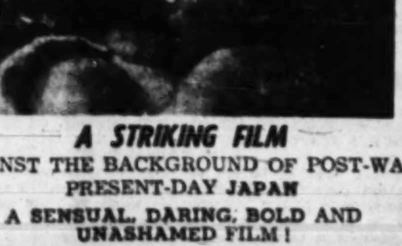

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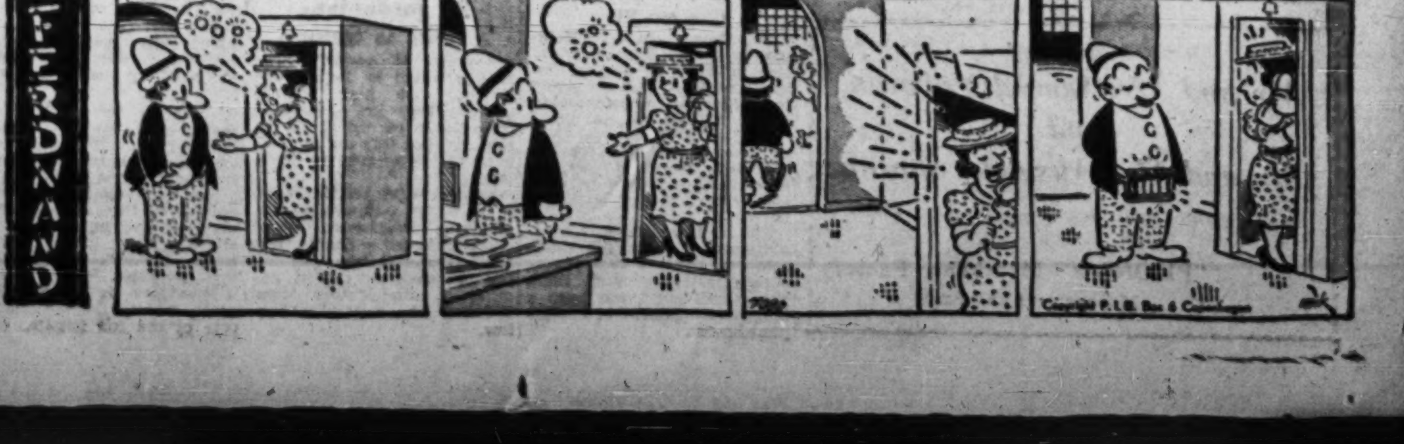

Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy.

Weather Synopsis: A barometric ridge which developed over this region has caused a gradual stabilization of the weather.

	*A	B	C
Mt. Cana'an	61	5—12	5—14
Tiberias	55	13—19	13—21
Haifa Port	49	13—19	13—19
Natanya	80	9—19	10—21
Tel Aviv Kirya	57	10—18	10—19
Tel Aviv Port	61	10—17	11—18
Lydda Airport	62	6—19	7—20
Jerusalem	75	6—11	8—14
Beersheba	46	6—18	7—20
Eilat	37	10—21	13—20

*A: Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Temperature range till yesterday evening C) Temperature range forecast for last night and today.

RAINFALL

	A	B
Hadera	7.5	370.5
Tel Aviv Port	3.5	230.4
Tel Aviv Kirya	3.2	247.0
Lydda Airport	1.5	400.8
Mt. Cana'an	1.5	400.8
Afula	3.5	217.7
Jerusalem	1.0	90.3
Tiberias	9.2	206.0
Eilat	1.4	8.5
Beersheba	0.2	53.6

A. Rainfall (in mm.) during 24 hours up to 8 a.m. Wednesday.

B. Total rainfall since August 1, 1959.

ARRIVALS

Prof. S.N. Eisenstadt, head of the Sociology Department at the Hebrew University, from Paris where he participated in a UNESCO meeting on cooperation between countries at different levels of development, held from February 22 to 26.

Mrs. Juliette Stern, President of the French WIZO Federation and Vice-President of the Zionist Federation of France, for a visit of several months to study Hebrew.

Mr. James Cameron, London "News-Chronicle" correspondent, for a visit (by Olympic).

Mr. Michael Radzinski, Peruvian Jewish industrialist, in connection with the setting up of a weaving plant in Afula (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. David Beth-Aryeh, of the Jewish Agency Executive, for Europe (by El Al).

Mr. M.L. Abraham ("Abu"), political cartoonist of the London "Observer," after a 10-day visit as guest of the Government Press Office (by El Al).

Miss Nada Vidman, the Yugoslavian singer, after appearing with the Israel Opera (by Air France).

Mrs. Joyce Miller and Mrs. Hemda Zinder, to launch the 1960 fund-raising campaign of the Women's Zionist Council of WIZO.

THE FATHER of an 11-year-old boy from Sderot, who had knocked out another child's eye with a stone two years ago, was fined IL30 yesterday by Magistrate Aharon Haibi. The father was also bound over in the sum of IL500 for the next three years to ensure that his son is of good behaviour.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY supply convoy went up to Mount Scopus on Wednesday with a relief for half of the police, Hadassah and Hebrew University personnel stationed there. Fifteen Hadassah and University staff members accompanied the convoy and returned the same day.

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CURRENCY in circulation during the week ending Tuesday rose by IL6,807,614 to IL294,936,970, the Bank of Israel reported yesterday. Gold reserves dropped by IL13 to IL3,440,497; foreign currency reserves went up by IL26,627 to IL142,877,472; and Treasury notes and Government promissory notes rose by IL6,783,000 to IL71,345,000.

Otto Frank Guest At Youth Aliya Village

TEL AVIV.—Mr. Otto Frank, father of Anne Frank, came into contact with immigrant children in Israel for the first time yesterday at a luncheon given at Neve Hadassah.

The children of this Youth Aliya village overwhelmed Mr. and Mrs. Frank with flowers and stood in line patiently to be photographed with him.

Mr. Moshe Kol, head of Youth Aliya, reported that four new Anne Frank havens are being planned, in addition to the eight already in service in Youth Aliya villages.

Legion of Honour For Shneerson

PARIS (UPI). — The Minister Counsellor of the Israel Embassy in Paris, Mr. Mordecai Shneerson, was on Tuesday invested here with the insignia of a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

Mr. Shneerson, who served as Chargé d'Affaires in Paris before the arrival of Ambassador Walter Eytan, was decorated by the Quai d'Orsay Political Director, M. Charles Lusset, during a lunch given in his honour at a Paris restaurant.

Mr. Shneerson is shortly to take up his new post as Ambassador to Mexico.

Rabbi Yosef Halevi Dead at 86

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Yosef Zvi Halevi, the first President of the Religious Court of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, died at his home here on Wednesday evening, aged 86.

He was connected with the Tel Aviv Rabbinate from the earliest organization of religious life in the city and was noted as a religious authority. He was the author of several theological works. Rabbi Halevi was a freeman of Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv's Budget Up 25% But Direct Rates Will Not Rise

TEL AVIV. — Direct rates in Tel Aviv will not rise despite an increased budget totalling IL85m. for 1960-61 which was tabled in the Municipal Council here on Wednesday by Deputy Mayor Y. Rabinovitz, head of the Municipal Finance Department.

This represents an increase of 25 per cent, or IL17m., over last year's budget.

But the 82-page budget booklet includes 17 pages of "tariff increases," which are to cover the most extensive services and development programmes ever undertaken by the Tel Aviv Municipality.

The ordinary budget totals IL57.3m., representing an increase of 18 per cent, while the IL27.7 development budget shows a 50 per cent increase.

Mayor Mordecai Namir explained the latter increase as demonstrating the intention of the new Municipality to implement the election platform which won the backing of the Tel Aviv population.

Expanding Services

Mr. Rabinovitz explained that the total budgetary increases were mainly due to the expansion of Municipal services. Wages alone account for 56.7 per cent of the Budget. The repayment of loans and the establishment of fund reserves for essential projects also took up a big share of the budget.

Mr. Rabinovitz hoped to meet requirements by stepping up collection of outstanding debts, and the levying of new tariffs for a wide range of services, including school service fees, building trade licences, advertisements, amusement taxes and liquor-vending licence fees.

An IL40m. income is anticipated from rates. The Municipality also hopes to raise IL14m. in loans and IL1m. from the sale of Municipal assets. Proceeds from the latter two items are earmarked for the development budget.

From the ordinary budget:

IL17m. will be spent on education (IL15m. last year).

IL8.7m. on health (IL7.6m.).

IL8.6m. on water supply (IL7.2m.).

IL8.3m. on sanitation and veterinary services (IL7.1).

IL7m. on roads (IL6.3m.).

IL4.1m. on social welfare (IL3.8m.).

From the development budget:

IL4m. on new school buildings (IL4.8m.).

IL1.5m. on hospital construction projects (IL1.8m.).

IL1m. on housing projects (IL420,000).

IL4.5m. on the sewage system (IL2.2m.).

IL700,000 on new equipment for the Sanitation Department (IL100,000).

To Eliminate Slums

Mayor Namir, who opened the Council session, reviewed Tel Aviv's development projects during the past decade. He declared his intention of rehabilitating slums and *ma'barot* areas, and reiterated that he would solve the housing problems of the inhabitants of the four *ma'barot* in the Tel Aviv area.

He also promised early attention to the city's communication system and disclosed that Tel Aviv would soon have the first multi-storeyed parking garage in this country. An underground passage for pedestrians at Kikar Magen David would also be built shortly.

Attempts would be made to speed up the clearing of the sea shore and to solve the city's sewage disposal problems, the Mayor said. He announced that he had appointed a new committee to study the Yarkon River odour problem.

15% Average Rate Rise in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality's Finance Committee on Wednesday evening approved an average 15 per cent increase in householders' rates for the 1960-61 fiscal year. The Council will probably approve the increase on Sunday.

The increase is slight for flats in slum areas but considerably higher for residential districts, ranging from IL1.60 per room in the former to IL8.00 per room in the latter. The city expects to raise IL800,000 by this move.

It is believed that a 7.5 per cent reduction will again this year be given to those who pay all their rates in April.

The Executive has also decided to re-asphalt main roads in the centre of town within the next few weeks.

Ish-Shalom Meets House Education Committee

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Mordecai Ish-Shalom, and Deputy-Mayor Moshe Gevirtzman, head of the Municipal Education Department, yesterday appeared before the Knesset Education Committee in connection with the Capital's education problems and need for new classrooms.

The members of the Committee are to tour the city's schools in the near future.

At today's meeting of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, Rabbi Moshe Porush (Agudat Yisrael) is to be elected the city's fourth Deputy-Mayor and the third receiving a salary. Agudat Yisrael joined the Municipal coalition earlier this week.

The Council is also to approve a IL10m. scheme for the expropriation and rehabilitation of the 9.5-dunam Nahlat Shiv'a Quarter.

Tax Relief for Big Earners Mooted

Further tax relief for high income brackets has been proposed by the Finance Ministry and is expected to be adopted at today's meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee devoted to the new income tax scales.

According to the Treasury proposal, the marginal tax ceiling of 60 per cent will only apply to incomes of IL31,000 and up. At present, persons earning IL17,000 a year have to pay the top tax rate. Intermediate rates of 50, 52.5 and 57.5 per cent would be levied on incomes between IL17,000 and IL31,000.

Another innovation would raise the personal exemption of persons above pensionable age by IL250, while yet another proposal would exempt dividends paid by companies from corporation tax.

The Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda Ministers on the Committee are expected to oppose tax relief for high income brackets and to lodge counter-proposals.

Mapam is expected to demand tax concessions for persons earning IL4,000 and less and to propose that half of the savings accruing to higher income brackets be converted into a compulsory loan linked to the Consumer's Price Index and the dollar.

Ahdut Ha'avoda, for its part, is against any concessions to the high income groups, arguing that they will benefit in any case from tax relief given to the less well-to-do.

The Histadrut has, in the meantime, rejected outright the Treasury proposal to tax the cost-of-living allowance and severance pay.

What's Hebrew For 'Drive-in Cinema'?

TEL AVIV. — "*Leqalmer*" for "polymerize" and "*kolnoa b'rikhb'kha*" for "drive-in cinema" are among the terms coined by Mr. Reuben Alcalay for his new four-volume English-Hebrew dictionary, to keep pace with changing times and concepts.

The coining of new terms is a continuation of the work he began 30 years ago, when he was official translator of the Palestine Mandatory Government.

At a press conference yesterday announcing the publication of the second volume of his dictionary, Mr. Alcalay said that due to the exigencies of his work for the Mandatory Government — bulletins and radio announcements often had to be translated quickly — he had to coin many words and usages which have since become assimilated into the Hebrew language.

(The Jerusalem Post is offering the dictionary at the pre-publication price of IL50, payable in instalments of IL12 per volume and IL2 registration fee.)

Child Dies After Setting Self Alight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Five-year-old Pricha Dahan died early yesterday morning after reportedly setting fire to herself on Tuesday night in her home in Moshav Noam.

Her father, Avraham, 30, told police that his wife had left the child alone in their living room on Tuesday evening. Pricha apparently found some matches and tried to light a primus stove. She was taken to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, where she died.

Guri C'ttee Ends Hearings; To Submit Report Next Month

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Guri Committee has wound up its hearings on the question of teachers' salaries and working conditions but is not expected to submit its recommendations to the Government until next month, it is learned.

There is little likelihood of progress in the dispute between the Government and the high school teachers until the Guri Committee recommendations are in.

The members are going to spend the next few weeks digesting the 400-page protocol produced by the hearings.

The Committee was appointed by the Government in September to "examine the wages and working conditions of teachers." Its recommendations are expected to cover the questions of salary scale, work hours and seniority pay.

Seniority Increments

In connection with the last point, a proposal has been made to grant higher seniority increments during the first few years in order to encourage young teachers.

The Committee held 12 meetings at which it heard from some 15 school principals, municipal officials dealing with schools, teachers and representatives of the Histadrut Teachers Organization.

(Representatives of the independent Secondary School Teachers Association refused to appear before the Committee because of its alleged bias.)

A comparison of teachers' wages and working conditions with those of other Israel professionals as well as a comparison between labour conditions of teachers here and those in other countries were among the subjects studied.

The Committee's members are Mr. I. Guri, M.K., Chairman; Mr. D. Touviahu, Mayor of Beersheba; Mr. Pinhas Eilon, Mayor of Holon; Rav-Aluf Mordechai Makleff, Managing Director of the Dead Sea Works; Mr. Eliezer Cohen, of the Kibbutz Artzi Secretariat; Mr. Mordechai Stern, Managing Director of Rassco; Mr. Shalom Zak, a Director of the Workers Bank; Prof. E. Urbach, of the Hebrew University, and Mr. Ya'acov Amorai, a teacher.

Land Tax Exemption For Nahariya Farmers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — Local farmers will this year be exempted from taxes and rates on land they cultivate, the Local Council has decided.

The Council Chairman, Mr. G. Taiz, explained that the farmers were in need of tax relief as they had been hit by the drought.

IL 3m. Development Budget for Nahariya

NAHARIYA. — A IL3,270,000 development budget for the next three years was approved by the Local Council this week. One-third of this sum will be spent during the coming fiscal year.

Among the projects to be financed are a new wing for the local secondary school to accommodate another 300 pupils; extension of primary schools; completion of the sewerage scheme; beach improvements; street-building; planting of shade trees; and construction of industrial premises and sports facilities.

Joint Bayside Sewage Project Inaugurated

HAIFA. — Six bayside local authorities have joined Haifa City's modern sewage treatment project which will supply industry and farms with about 10 m. cubic metres of water a year — well over 90 per cent of the area's consumption.

A Greater Haifa Cities Association has been set up for this specific purpose, and the Minister of the Interior, Mr. M. H. Shapiro, yesterday gave it his approval at its first meeting at the City Hall here.

The delegates, mostly local council chairmen and local government engineers, elected Mayor Abba Khoushy as the Association's chairman.

Strike Threatened Over Crowded Office Space

BEERSHEBA. — The 60 employees of the Negev District Office of the Ministry of Education here were yesterday authorized by the Beersheba Labour Council to go out on strike next Wednesday if the Ministry does not allot them the additional office space they have requested.

The Secretary of the Council, Mr. E. Moyal, said the 60 employees are working 15 to a room — where they also have to receive the public — in premises assigned to the Office in 1954, when it had a staff of only ten. They are asking for 18 rooms in the new Rassco business centre.

WORK NORMS PROTEST

BEISAN. — About 200 persons employed on relief work demonstrated in front of the Local Council offices here on Wednesday against a change in output norms. They dispersed quietly after Mr. Efraim Dubek, Chairman of the Local Council, promised that the norms would remain unchanged.

MISS GOLDA Zimmerman, Israel correspondent of the "Jewish Chronicle," is returning to London today to spend a year at the paper's head office. Her place here is being taken by Mr. Shmuel Segev in Tel Aviv, and Mr. N.D. Gross in Jerusalem.

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The Mother of Haim Waknin (extreme left) was among those taking part in the search yesterday for the two-year-old boy who disappeared near Kiryat Shmona on Monday. Photo by Rosenblum

Police Examine Bloodstain Found in Hunt for Child

Jerusalem Post Staff

The police laboratory in Tel Aviv was yesterday examining a bloodstain found near the spot where two-year-old Haim Waknin, of Kiryat Shmona, disappeared on Monday noon, in an effort to determine whether it comes from the child.

They are also comparing several hairs found at the same place with others taken from Haim's cap left at home.

Round-the-clock searches over the past two days have failed to reveal any trace of the boy, who disappeared on Monday after he went out picking flowers on Mt. Manara, west of Kiryat Shmona, in the company of his four-year-old brother, Meir, and two other boys. They returned in the evening without Haim, and Meir told of a "large dog" attacking them.

Two hundred constables, aided by volunteers, combed the area yesterday. All they found was a bloodstain on a stone lying on a rocky 100-metre hill. A microscopic examination revealed several hairs in the blood. The bloodstain was believed to be about two days old, which would tally with the time that Haim disappeared. Traces of a hyena were found near the spot, but the searchers admitted there was no sign that a wild animal had attacked a child. Nor were there any indications that a body had been dragged on the ground, which would have been the case if a hyena had carried it off.

The search operation is being conducted by the Deputy Chief of the Northern District Police, Mr. Maxim Kahan, who yesterday spent three hours in a helicopter above the area being combed. The Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Nahmias, also visited Kiryat Shmona to confer with officers in charge of the operation.

This is the third case within a fortnight of a child from Kiryat Shmona being lost. The other two children were found.

Bus Crash Victims Ask IL 350,000 Damages

TEL AVIV. — The hearing of a IL350,000 suit by 13 persons who were injured, or whose relatives were killed, when a Dan bus plunged into Wadi Musrara here on October 26, 1958, opened yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court.

The plaintiffs are suing the driver of the bus, Eliahu Haffner, the Dan bus cooperative and the Zion insurance company.

The plaintiffs contend that the accident occurred either because of careless driving by Haffner or because of mechanical defects. Counsels for the defence argue that the accident was caused by circumstances beyond human control.

Jerusalem Flat Searched For Yosef Schuhmacher

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The special police squad set up to search for eight-year-old Yosef Schuhmacher on Wednesday continued its interrogation of persons suspected of concealing the boy or knowing his whereabouts.

On Tuesday, two places were searched in Jerusalem, one of them a private flat in the Hungarian Houses, the stronghold of Naturei Karta in Mea Shearim.

The Supreme Court has authorized the police to carry out any search they think necessary to find Yosef, who is being hidden by his grandparents in defiance of a court order to return him to his parents.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi to Address North American Settlers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi will address a special session of the 9th annual Convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians, which will take place next Monday and Tuesday at the Z.O.A. House here. The Canadian Ambassador, Miss B. Margaret Meagher, and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ogden R. Reid, will address the opening dinner on Monday night.

The main topics to be discussed at the Convention include the encouragement of settlement of American pensioners; the problems that may arise for American settlers as a result of the draft law requiring that all civil servants be Israel citizens; housing; and how to encourage immigration from the U.S.

Mr. Jacob Quat, President, and Mr. Murray Greenfield, Secretary, told a press conference at Beit Sokolow on Wednesday that it was planned to extend the Association's mortgage fund — it has already granted loans of IL340,000 to enable settlers to obtain permanent housing.

The Annual General Meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of the Association will take place at 8.0 p.m. today at Beit Hillel, 4 Rehov Balfour.

BEARER BONDS

TEL AVIV. — IL1,000 and IL500 went to nos. 40633 and 76870, respectively in the 62nd draw (first series) of the Mandatory Bearer Bonds lottery held here on Wednesday, the Bank of Israel announced.

Sums of IL200, IL100, IL50 and IL20 were also drawn.

'Plant a Tree in Israel' Scheme for Tourists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — A "plant a tree in Israel" scheme, organized by the Jewish National Fund and the Government Tourist Corporation for visitors from abroad, was announced here yesterday by Mr. A. Propes of the Corporation.

Tourists will be able to choose between three spots: the Asaf Simhoni Memorial Forest in the Negev, which has been planted in honour of the Army; the Martyrs' Memorial Forest, near Jerusalem, which commemorates the Jews who perished in the Nazi holocaust; and a forest at Biriya, in the Safad hills, which symbolises the beauty of Galilee and the redemption of the land.

Mr. Propes said many visitors had expressed the wish to plant trees during their stay here, and the scheme was being inaugurated to make this possible.

The charge for a sapling will be IL5, and the tourist will be given a certificate and an emblem bearing a tree, as a souvenir. Those wishing to plant a larger number of trees will be presented with emblems in silver or gold.

French Minesweeper Visiting Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. The French minesweeper Narvik arrived here for a four-day courtesy visit on Wednesday morning. She was welcomed to Haifa by the Israel submarine Tanin, which sailed out to meet her.

While here, the crew of the French vessel will receive shore leave, and a programme has been arranged for them by the Navy.

Moshe Bitan Seen As Envoy to Accra

POST Political Reporter

Mr. Moshe Bitan, a director of Koor, the Histadrut industrial company, is expected to be appointed Israel Ambassador to Ghana in succession to Mr. Ehud Avriel, who will next month conclude his two-and-a-half-year tour of duty in Accra.

Mr. Bitan is a former member of Kibbutz Kfar Ruppin in the Beisan valley and was a leader of the Hehalutz and Maccabi Hatzair movements in Czechoslovakia.

Prior to his joining the Solel Boneh management in 1955, he headed the Union of Labour Exchanges and during 1952-1953 he was the Histadrut representative in the U.S.

Mr. Bitan's close connection with Histadrut and Solel Boneh affairs is expected to facilitate his close cooperation with the teams of Israel experts now working on various joint Israel-Ghanaian development projects.

Mr. Elyashiv Ben-Horin, the Director of the Foreign Ministry's Afro-Asian Division, who at one time was thought to be a candidate for the Accra post, is to be appointed Israel Ambassador to Burma in succession to Dr. Daniel Lewin. Dr. Lewin will shortly conclude his two-year tour of duty in Rangoon to take up his new post as Minister in Tokyo.

Mr. Yehiel Ilsar, the outgoing Israel Consul-General in Zurich, is to be appointed Minister to the Philippines.

Mr. Yitzhak Harkavi, Chairman of the Latin American Immigrants' Association and member of the Ihud Olami Secretariat, is to be appointed Israel Ambassador to Uruguay, in succession to Mr. Aryeh Eshel.

1st Phase of Ashdod Port in Three Years

The first tender for the construction of Ashdod port will be issued in July, and the initial phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in the 1963-64 fiscal year.

This was disclosed yesterday when members of the Knesset Economic Committee visited the site of the projected port.

In its first stage of construction, the port will be able to handle 600,000 tons of cargo annually, of which 350,000 tons (eight-and-a-quarter million crates) will be citrus fruit. The cost of the first stage will be $38m.

Labelling of Sausage Made Mandatory

An order requiring sausage manufacturers to label the ingredients that go into their product was gazetted on Wednesday by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The manufacturers have 60 days in which to comply with the order.

Sausage and frankfurters must be labelled clearly at both ends with a description of the meat used and the name of the preservative they contain. The labels of non-kosher products must bear white stripes, or if the label is white, red stripes.

NINETY-ONE out of 108 students of a Government Tourist Corporation tourist guide course received their graduation certificates on Wednesday.

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INDUSTRY FINANCE and COMMERCE

K-F Negotiates 'Lark' Assembly

Kaiser-Fraser of Israel is currently negotiating with the Studebaker-Packard Corporation for the local assembly of its Lark model, the spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. E. Illin, head of Kaiser-Frazer, has left for the U.S. to conduct talks with the American company.

The spokesman termed as premature reports that an accord has been reached, and said Kaiser-Frazer is also negotiating with other car-manufacturing firms.

The Lark, known in the U.S. as a "compact car," has an [illegible]-horse-power engine, and is manufactured in two and four-door and station wagon models. The Lark is sold in Britain for about twice the price of the Dauphine. Treasury officials believe that the locally assembled model would sell for IL11,000 to IL12,000.

Opel Imports

Meanwhile, the Director of Imports at the Ministry of Transport, Mr. J. Tamari, said yesterday that allocations of foreign currency for the import of used Opel cars were not excessive.

He denied previous reports that the Ministry had allocated $1,100 to $1,200 per Opel when each one cost only $700. He pointed out that used Opel Rekord cars are advertised at around $1,250 each in French and Belgian newspapers.

Seven hundred Opel cars were brought in after imports were liberalised in December 1958, and another 400 arrived recently. However, part of the latter consignment had not yet been cleared through Customs because of slackened local demand.

Histadrut Plans IL 20m. Agricultural Loan Fund

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut is to set up a IL20m. loan fund, with capital obtained from various sources, as the first stage of a campaign to eliminate the high interest charged for agricultural loans. This was announced by Mr. Z. Onn, a member of the Histadrut Central Committee, at a meeting of the secretariat of Hevrat Ha'ovdim (the Histadrut holding company) here on Wednesday.

February Industrial Exports Way Up

Industrial exports during February rose more than twofold compared to the same month in 1959 — from $2m. to $5m. — the Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported yesterday. Total exports during the month were $29m., as against $19m. in February last year.

Citrus exports were $11.7m. ($10.7m.) while diamond exports totalled $5.2m. ($3.2m.).

Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Israel Dollar	[illegible]
Savings (indexed)	[illegible]
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Housing Loan A	[illegible]
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Pal. Electric 37/44	[illegible]
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Local Authorities	[illegible]
Jewish Agency	[illegible]
Keren Hayesod	[illegible]
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Ellern's Investment	[illegible]
Africa Pal. Invest.	[illegible]
Isr. Land Develop.	[illegible]
Ata Textile	[illegible]
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Assis A. Bejarano	[illegible]
Pal. Potash	[illegible]
Teva Pharmac.	[illegible]
Pales. Cold Storage	[illegible]
Am. Isr. Paper Mills	[illegible]
Delek	[illegible]
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KIBBUTZ MERGER TEST

THE kibbutz movement may have its last chance to achieve some sort of unity today, when Mr. Haim Gvati, Secretary-General of Mapai-affiliated Ihud Hakvutzot ve-Hakibbutzim, introduces a plan to link the economic and technical services of all communal settlements in Israel. At the same time, it is expected that the representatives of Mapam-affiliated Hakibbutz Ha'artzi, as well as the Ahdut Ha'avoda-sponsored Hakibbutz Hame'uhad, will also bring along their own blueprints for partial unity. The meeting ground will be the monthly meeting of the inter-kibbutz committee, which has been meeting to air the unification issue fairly regularly for the past four years, though without any marked success.

What gives next week's meeting a better chance than before is the fact that we are today three months after the General Election, and that the first attempt to cause a Cabinet crisis was dispelled painlessly. Moreover, four years of assiduous banging on the "unity" note must have some effect, especially when it is supported by the logic of things. Unity, some degree of unity, is imperative if the kibbutz movement is to survive at all. If they cannot solve their economic and technical problems, the toughest kibbutznik cannot hope to prove the value of his social and political ideas. All realistic-minded kibbutz people — that is, those of the generation now still under fifty — concede it.

The modus vivendi which Mr. Gvati will suggest is believed to embody largely the "Yosef Izraeli proposals" which the veteran kibbutznik from Afikim expounded in an Ihud publication some weeks ago. Mr. Izraeli, a practical and clever man, argues that there is no hope of total merger as long as the political aims of the kibbutz movements mutually exclude each other. But there should be a possibility, for instance, of establishing a common Kibbutz Bank by using the funds set aside by the kibbutzim to help out new settlements. One estimate is that a Kibbutz Bank should be able to command IL10m. paid-up capital to start work. This alone would enable the kibbutzim to solve short-term debts on over-high rates which amount to some IL40m. A tomato, Mr. Izraeli also argues, grows as fast in the grounds of Kibbutz Artzi as it does in the fields of the Ihud. There is no need to have three technical offices to build houses in the settlements; the plans are almost identical anyhow.

Some 230 settlements are involved. The Ihud has a slightly larger organization than the others; for in addition to the 70-odd settlements directly affiliated with it the organization also provides the services for the small group of Scout movement kibbutzim. Hashomer Hatzair, or Kibbutz Arzi, is a monolithic entity of 75 settlements. Tabenkin's Kibbutz Me'uhad numbers about 20 fewer. There are two kibbutzim of Agudat Yisrael, and one "independent": Ne'ot Mordechai, peopled in part by such staunch Mapai men as Ehud Avriel. The remaining dozen or so are religious settlements affiliated to the National Religious party.

Possibly the younger generation in all kibbutzim is prepared to take a realistic view of merging technical facilities. But one must reckon with vested political interests. For Tabenkin to accept even technical cooperation is to admit defeat. For Ya'ari to agree to it, is to accept compromise — a commodity Hashomer Hatzair had always been proud to do without. Independent economic organizations were also handy to supply cash in time of stress, such as pre-election campaigns.

The public which knows how much the State owes to the moral values and the personal sacrifice made in the kibbutz would wish to forget historical squabbles or petty differences. A merger even of some kibbutz facilities would be welcomed by all those who believe the kibbutz is still a living social formation. But realists will admit that unless reason miraculously here gets the better of emotion, there is little to be expected from next week's meeting.

Agadir May Not Bé Rebuilt

Jewish Quarter is Believed to Have Been Completely Wiped Out

By D. ABULAFIA-CORCOS

AGADIR, the city of death, destroyed in Monday night's earthquake, was for many years my home. It was a pleasant enough place to live in, despite its sinister historical associations. Founded by the Portuguese in the 15th century under the name of Santa Cruz, Agadir became universally known in 1911 when the arrival of a German warship there — as a challenge to France — almost set off the First World War three years in advance of the destined time.

At Agadir was southern Morocco's main port, endowed by a Dutch company as recently as 1950 with the most modern installations. The city had a hundred fish canneries as well as a huge cement works that supplied West Africa. Copper ore, fishmeal, locally grown oranges and tomatoes were among the principal wares exported to Europe.

Today all is reduced to rubble, and there is little likelihood that the city will rise again in the foreseeable future. In view of the current flight of capital, provoked by the policies of independent Morocco which have already plunged the economy of the country into near disaster, there is little hope that the necessary reinvestments for reconstruction will be forthcoming.

Agadir was at one time the most prosperous — and also the most European-looking — city in Morocco. Over a third of its 50,000 residents were Europeans. Rich foreigners built magnificent villas on green slopes overlooking the majestic bay, famous for its midnight bathing in the summer and for its temperate sun in the winter. Palace hotels, such as the Saada and the Marhaba, catered for overseas tourists. Impressive office buildings lined the commercial centre, and in the city's heyday real estate prices rocketed sky-high.

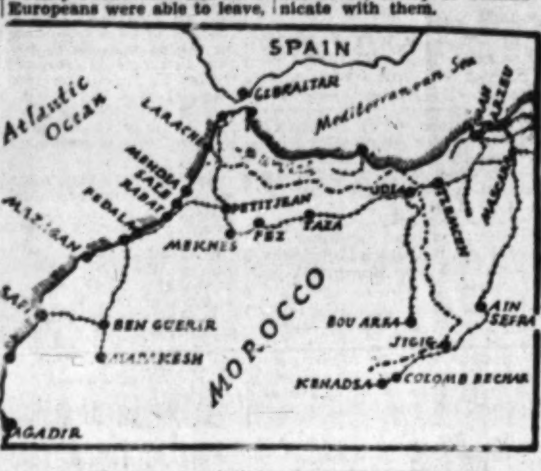
It was also an unusually egalitarian town. The Frenchmen there were Parisians devoid of a colonial complex: the Lions Club and the Golf Club were open to the Moroccans. The Moslems were not "natives" but charming friends who played bridge with you or discussed the latest orange crop. And the Jews, numbering 1,500, did not keep to themselves like elsewhere in Morocco.

But with Moroccan accession to independence Agadir began swiftly to decline. The "Liberation Army" moved in, extorting protection money from those Moslem co-religionists whom it termed "collaborators." Many non-Moslem businessmen were then ruined, too.

In 1955 the river Souss which had made the city's hinterland such a flourishing garden, overflowed and laid the countryside waste. Then the locusts came. And the *coup de grace* was delivered by rulers' unwise policies, such as currency delinking and devaluation.

Many Frenchmen and other Europeans were able to leave, cutting their losses. The Arabs returned to their former, lower standard of living, drifting away from the city back into the *bled*, the countryside. Most of the Jews were utterly ruined. Attracted to the city from Mogador, Marrakesh and Fez, they had owned or managed large firms and enterprises that were now forced to close down. Their only possible refuge was Israel, whither they first sent their children, hoping to follow when they had wound up what was left of their affairs.

According to the latest heartbreaking news, it is precisely the Jewish quarter of Talborjt that has been totally destroyed in the earthquake. It may well be that many of the children from Agadir now in Israel have lost their parents. We do not know. In the face of this catastrophe, as a matter of common humanity, the Moroccan authorities must surely permit the Jews from Agadir at present in Israel to find out if any of their kith and kin there have survived and if so, freely to communicate with them.



KEEPING POSTED

WE welcomed Mr. Ben-Gurion's decision that red carpets and artillery salutes (quite an expensive item, this) were — at least as far as he is concerned — only for Presidents, who symbolize the State. The level of his standing in Boston or Washington, or wherever else his trip takes him, will not depend on the depth of the red carpet from which he takes off. In these days of spotless tarmacs leading to the steps of an aeroplane, a red carpet makes sense only if its centre is worn by the tread of centuries of dignitaries. The nation's good wishes would be with him on this journey even if he had to search out his old watchman's gum-boots and wade through mud to his plane.

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IT would be churlish to suppose that when he begged off from the red-carpet treatment he had in mind merely

the misadventure of President Eisenhower in Brazil last week. When Ike was due in Brasilia, the new capital they naturally got out a red carpet for him, a good big one, together with diplomatic uniforms and all the pomp and ceremony proper to the occasion. The carpet was unrolled only at the last moment because it was raining. When it reached the steps of the plane it proved that a huge roll still remained, reaching about to the President's waist. It was much too high for him to climb over and get onto the carpet with any dignity, and ropes round the sides prevented him from outflanking the obstruction. After a few moments of wild confusion one of the uniformed gentlemen drew his sword with a flourish and quickly sawed through the stuff. The roll was turned sideways, and the President stepped on the carpet with one of his brightest smiles.

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A CORRESPONDENT takes us to task for the "murderous suspicions" we expressed last week that "Kil Israel Orchestra," a slip on a USIS envelope, might have had Freudian undertones. "Who is really guilty of having a queer subconscious?" she asks the editor, "the U.S. official who cannot distinguish between *kol* and *kil*, or the man Keeping you Posted? He is quite prepared to overlook a spelling error (in America one kills with two l's) as long as it enables him to exhibit that obsessive anti-Americanism which has recently become good form here. Has he not heard of the moral and financial aid the U.S. has given to Israel? One may have one's doubts concerning certain U.S. policies in the Middle East, but even with this in mind it is surely very hard to read genocidal tendencies into a simple spelling mistake."

We recall that our next observation was that however funny everybody else might be, the Israel public is certainly no joke.

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NOT only Israel has its lottery as well as religious problems, as the following report from our correspondent in Holland shows. When the main prize in a football-pool, to the value of some IL65,000 fell to a certain resident of the Dutch townlet of Genemuiden (1,600 inhabitants), this was considered by himself and by the other townsfolk as a cause for shame rather than rejoicing. Most of the inhabitants of Genemuiden, including the prizewinner, are orthodox Calvinists and consider it sinful either to take part in a lottery or to play football on Sundays. The prizewinner himself is the secretary of the local Saturday football club, which plays on Saturdays, in order not to desecrate the Sunday. The matches which count in the football-pool, however, are all played on Sundays. The prizewinner therefore violated two commandments: not to gamble, and not to play football, be it vicariously, on the Sabbath. The local clergyman, when asked for his view by a reporter, was deeply shocked: "And to think that, of all places, this should happen in Genemuiden!" he said in great sorrow. It is not yet known whether the prizewinner will be allowed by his fellow-citizens to accept the money.

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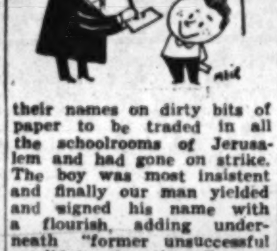
WHEN a dignified acquaintance of ours lingered near the Knesset recently while a session was in progress, one of the gang of little boys that haunts the place took him for a Knesset Member and came up to demand an autograph. Our friend at once explained that he was not party to any such honour, but the child decided he was just one of the Members who have tired of signing



their names on dirty bits of paper to be traded in all the schoolrooms of Jerusalem and had gone on strike. The boy was most insistent and finally our man yielded and signed his name with a flourish, adding underneath "former unsuccessful candidate to the German Reichstag." He added with a faint smile that a parliamentarian look must have remained with him despite the decades that had passed since this sole attempt of his to become a legislator.

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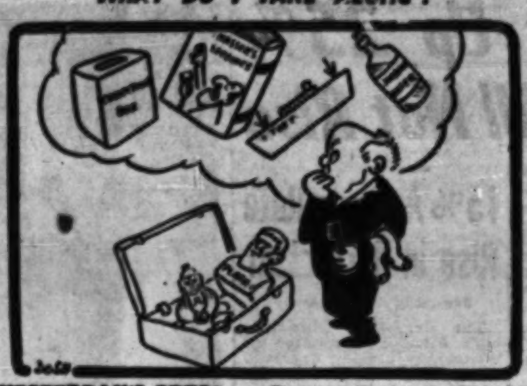

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Peace is Best Way Out

SUMMING up the secret and protracted deliberations of the Arab League Council, **Al Hamishmar** (Mapam) states that its lengthy and bombastic resolutions show that the countries represented are agreed not to agree on anything, not even on the "Palestine Question" which is supposed to be the main cement of their unity. This internal struggle provides an opening for an active Israel policy to ensure the State's vital interests and maintain Middle East peace.

Davar (Histadrut) finds that it is Jordan which is facing destruction, and not by Israel but by the UAR and Iraq. The time will perhaps come when the advocates of the *status quo* grow stronger and the deep differences between the different Arab countries will iron themselves out. It were best that we let time do its work and meanwhile fortify ourselves, keeping all those concerned informed that we are always ready for peace.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) thinks that the upshot of the deliberations is that the UAR has failed to convert the League into an instrument for furthering its pan-Arab designs. The time is ripe for the powers to "sell" the UAR the simple idea that, in the atmosphere of conciliation and coexistence talk, the best course would be to conclude a peaceful settlement with Israel.

The Haboker (General Zionist) conclusion is that the Arabs suffer from the absence of an aim. Even their hostility to us is not enough to unite them.

Readers' Letter

EYE CARE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to endorse the letter of Dr. B. R. R. (your issue of February 26), deploring the lack of supervision into the opening of opticians' shops and the absence of any control over their qualifications or lack of them.

The reply from the Ministry of Health was particularly vague since it admits that optometrists may examine eyes but may not work independently, an opinion which has no legal basis and which has prevented many capable optometrists from settling in Israel, thus depriving the public of a service so urgently required.

It is not generally known that 85 per cent of the eye examinations in the U.S. and 90 per cent of those in England are performed by optometrists who are licensed by Act of Parliament and have been legally recognized in in every state in the U.S.A. for almost 60 years. Optometrists study four to six years at recognized colleges and universities, and must pass stringent examinations in physics, anatomy, physiology, eye examination and the recognition of ocular diseases, thus enabling them to refer pathologic cases for medical treatment.

Our Association comprises 12 qualified optometrists in the whole country, who have all graduated from recognized colleges of optometry and who are practising their profession in Israel, independently, to the great satisfaction of the public, who in the final analysis are the ones who matter.

I am glad to read that the Ministry of Health is considering some legal provision for opticians and trust that it will at the same time revise its ostrich-like attitude towards optometrists and give them the legal recognition they have been seeking these last 10 years and which they already possess in every other part of the civilised world.

Yours, etc.
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President, Israel Optometric Association

Tel Aviv, February 28.

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MARGINAL COMMENT

Italy Moves to the Left

By George Leonof

THE perpetual rumble of the Italian political scene has again been brought to eruption, this time ostensibly by President Gronchi's visit to the USSR last month. The President's innocuous contribution to the resignation of Mr. Segni's year-old Cabinet last week was that, at a reception in Moscow's Italian Embassy, he had been exposed to a rather crude harangue by Mr. Khrushchev, annoyed, apparently, by Mr. Gronchi's firm views on Germany and Berlin. The Neo-Fascists and Monarchists, whose votes — together with those of the Centrist Liberal Party — gave the Segni Cabinet its uneasy majority in Parliament, had been opposed Mr. Gronchi's visit to Russia from the outset. They were not inclined to forgo this opportunity of reasserting their political clear-sightedness, claiming that all the President had achieved was a slight to Italian prestige. President's Gronchi's insistence that the Embassy incident was being artificially exaggerated and exploited by the rightists seems reasonable, but it did nothing to re-establish the intricate balance that kept the Segni Cabinet in office.

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IN the event, the showdown was forced neither by the Neo-Fascists nor by the Monarchists, but by the Liberal Party, which had not been particularly upset by Mr. Khrushchev's discourtesy to the President. Apparently with an eye to the forthcoming municipal elections, the Liberals announced the withdrawal of their parliamentary support for the Government on the strength of the unexpected complaint that the ruling Christian Democratic Party was increasingly inclining towards cooperation with the Socialists. The 16 Liberal votes were not vital, since neither the Neo-Fascists nor the Monarchists, who had stirred up the hornets' nest, appeared ready to withhold their votes. But Liberal support provided the politically heterogeneous Christian Democrats with the thin veil of respectability for the conscience of their disgruntled left-wing elements. Rather than win a vote of confidence with the support of the extreme rightist parties alone, and risk the split within his own party which the Liberals thought to provoke, Mr. Segni elected to throw in the towel.

WHETHER the decision will succeed in staving off a serious division of the ruling party, which has headed every one of the 17 Cabinets since World War II, is not clear. The right wing's constant fear of a left-of-centre government coming to power is not without foundation, despite the fact that only recently the Christian Democrats once again firmly rejected the advances of the Nenni Socialists. The rather unusual outburst last week of Mr. Cesare Merzagora, President of the Italian Senate, who denounced what he described as the "atmosphere or corruption" in party politics, reflects the uneasiness of the Right. Mr. Merzagora, who resigned four days after his statement, charged that Mr. Segni's resignation without a parliamentary debate or vote turned Parliament into "a voiceless and unimportant body." It seemed to voice the Christian Democrats right-wing resentment at the party leadership for not venturing to stay in government with exclusive rightist support, however extremist.

THIS view prefers to ignore the probability that such a rightist majority, while it exists on paper, is not assured in practice and could lead to a constitutional crisis. The threat it would present of a final split within the Christian Democrats is real, not imaginary, for it is based on a growing realization that the post-war procession of right-of-centre governments has failed to evolve a basic remedy for the country's economic situation. Fifteen years after the end of the war, unemployment is still critical and little has been done to ameliorate the poverty of the underdeveloped south. The Italian Left, on the other hand, is slowly but surely moving towards a settlement of its differences. Since the Nenni Socialists' break with the Communists, and especially the recent acknowledgement of this development by the leadership of Mr. Saragat's Social Democrats, the Left is moving towards a common programme. It stands at least a reasonable chance of being further strengthened by the Republican Party, which opens its congress today, and whose left wing is also pressing for some form of functional agreement with the Socialists.

Jerusalem, March 3, 1960.

Israel's Election System Must Be Changed!

The Association of Academic and Public Figures Favouring a Change in Israel's Election System appeals to you:

ON THE EVE OF ELECTIONS TO THE 4TH KNESSET we called for a change of the current election system in Israel — we expressed the opinion that this system, under local conditions, distorts our democracy and the will of the people, that it severs the direct relationship between the elected representatives and the electorate, and their feeling of responsibility, and that government becomes a mere matter of inter-party rivalry. The Association, as it was then constituted, made it clear at the time that it would continue with its campaign after the elections.

AT LEAST HALF THE ELECTORATE at the last elections voted for the parties that announced their intention of supporting a change of the election system in the Fourth Knesset. At least 60 M.K.'s now favour a change of the current proportional system of representation.

THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET prove once again that it is not the voter who determines the form of government, but that this is a bargaining matter for the parties, a method that does nothing to increase the stature of our democracy, nor does it make for stable, responsible government. Already now, a short time after the elections, we are again witness to crises threatening the coalition. To avoid such predicaments, the voter must be allowed to determine who shall represent him in the Knesset, and who the cabinet members shall be — in this way the country will be assured a stable government, a stable policy and a responsible opposition which will make its attitude clear in advance.

WE THEREFORE APPEAL ONCE MORE TO PARTIES AND VOTERS TO EXAMINE THE URGENT NEED FOR A CHANGE OF THE COUNTRY'S ELECTION SYSTEM.

THE GREAT TESTS FACING US, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, call for maximum unity, the alternative being a disrupted nation, with all the danger that this entails. A change of the election system will improve the atmosphere of our public life and increase the confidence of the public in its institutions.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SIXTY M.K.'S REPRESENT PARTIES WHICH DECLARED THEIR SUPPORT of a change of the election system, we hereby appeal to the Knesset to decide on a **NATIONAL REFERENDUM**, on the following question:

Should the existing election system be dropped in favour of elections on a regional basis?

IF THE ANSWER TO SUCH A REFERENDUM IS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, the Knesset shall appoint an independent committee of experts to work out the details of a regional election system, its adaptation to local conditions, and the manner in which changes in the system are to be carried into effect.

We hereby appeal to all those supporting our point of view to do their part, whether as members of parties, organizations or among their friends, to make the public realize that the election system constitutes the basis of democratic government, and that the nation, therefore, must be given a chance to determine the form of elections it prefers.

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